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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### ***Officer Involved Shooting***

This information is based on a preliminary investigation. At approximately 3:00 AM, San Antonio Police Officer Kenneth Thuleen, a 22-year veteran, was on routine patrol in the Eisenhower/Midcrown Rd area when he saw a stolen vehicle being driven by a lone male. Officer Thuleen activated his emergency lights in an attempt to stop the car, but the suspect refused to stop and a pursuit was initiated. As the suspect evaded arrest, he proceeded the wrong way on Loop 410 and then exited onto Perrin Beitel Rd. The suspect then continued northbound on Perrin Beitel and then suddenly stopped in the 9800 block.

Several officers were behind the suspect's car with Officer Thuleen and Officer Ignacio Vidaurri, a 4-year veteran, ordering the suspect to exit the car. The suspect initially refused to follow the officer's orders to exit the car, but then suddenly turned and raised his hands in a manner consistent with firing a weapon. Officers Thuleen and Vidaurri both said they saw an object in one of the suspect's hands and believed the suspect to be armed with a weapon. Both officers fired their service weapons, striking the suspect in the shoulder and grazing his head. The suspect was taken into custody and EMS was immediately called to treat the suspect. The object in the suspect's hand was then determined to be an opened flip-style cellular phone. The suspect was transported to BAMC with non-life threatening injuries. The vehicle being driven by the suspect was confirmed to be a stolen truck.

The identity of the suspect is being withheld pending the filing of formal charges.

Officer Thuleen and Officer Vidaurri will be placed on Administrative Duty, which is standard procedure in all officer-involved shootings. The San Antonio Police Department's Shooting Team will conduct the investigation and forward their findings to Police Chief William P. McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office.